

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1 through 4 (Canceled).

(Currently Amended) 5. A portable pet bed comprising:

a first rigid panel having a periphery;

a second rigid panel of generally the same size as the first panel;

a hinge member coupling the first and second panels, wherein the first panel and second panel can be folded toward one another into a closed position;

an upstanding wall extending partially along the periphery of the first panel, wherein, in the closed position, the first and second panels and the upstanding wall define a[[n]] fully enclosed enclosure in which items may be transported and, in an open position, the first and second panels lie in a generally coplanar relationship and only the first panel is bounded by the upstanding wall;

a fleece material covering one side of each of the first and second panels, the fleece being selectively removable from the panel;

at least one closure for securing the first and second panels in the closed position; and

a handle for transporting the pet bed with the panels in the closed position.

(Previously Amended) 6. The portable pet bed according to claim 5, wherein each of the first and second panels is rigid and generally rectangular and has a pair of long edges and a pair of short edges.

(Previously Amended) 7. The portable pet bed according to claim 6, wherein the hinge member connects one long edge of the first panel to one long edge of the second panel.

(Original) 8. The portable pet bed according to claim 7, wherein the upstanding wall extends along the long edge of the first panel opposite the hinge member and along the two short edges of the first panel.

(Previously Amended) 9. The portable pet bed according to claim 7, wherein the handle is disposed on the portion of the upstanding wall extending along the long edge of the first panel.

(Previously Amended) 10. The portable pet bed according to claim 7, wherein the closure comprises a zipper disposed between the edge of the second panel and the upstanding wall.

11. (Canceled)

(Currently Amended) 12. A portable pet bed comprising:
an upper generally rigid and laminar rectangular panel;
a lower generally rigid and laminar rectangular panel;
a medial rigid and laminar rectangular panel ;
an upstanding wall extending about three of the sides of the lower panel at the edges thereof, the upstanding wall having a height approximately equal to the width of the medial panel;
a pair of hinges, each hinge connecting a long edge of the medial panel to long edges of the upper and lower panels, wherein the upper and lower panels are movable about the hinges from an open position in which the upper and lower panels are generally coplanar with the medial panel, and a closed position in which the upper panel abuts the upstanding wall and a[[n]] fully enclosed enclosure is defined within the upstanding wall, upper panel, lower panel, and medial panel;

a fabric material covering one side of the upper, lower, and medial panels, the fabric material being adapted to provide a comfortable surface for the pet to lie upon when the pet bed is in the open position;

a closure for securing the panels in the closed position; and
a handle for transporting the pet bed in the closed position.

13. (Canceled)

(Original) 14. The pet bed according to claim 12, wherein the closure is a zipper that secures the periphery of the upper panel to the periphery of the upstanding wall.

(Original) 15. The portable pet bed according to claim 13, wherein the fabric material is fleece that is selectively removable from the panel.